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IDEA, Part C Public Participation Notice

The Department of Early Learning (DEL) serves as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part C, State Lead Agency. The IDEA, Part C, law and regulations require that the public have an opportunity to comment on each state's annual application, for early intervention funds. This requirement must be met, whether or not the application contains significant changes. Public hearings are required when policies and/or procedures are amended.

Public Comment: This notice is given to announce and invite open public comment on the revised [System of Payments Policy](#) and the Washington State Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) program's Annual State [Application Under Part C of IDEA, 2004, Federal Fiscal Year 2012 \(FFY 12\) funding](#). The changes made to this year's federal grant application are:

- Section II, to update the submission date to June 30, 2013, for the IDEA, Part C required state early intervention system changes.
- Section III, Description of Use of Part C Funds.

The 30-day Public Comment period is March 2 through April 2, 2012. Please send your written comments to the attention of Darlene Woods via email at Darlene.Woods@del.wa.gov; or faxed to (360) 413-3482; or mailed to the Early Support for Infants and Toddlers, P.O. Box 40970, Olympia, Washington 98504-0970. When submitting your comments, please insert "WA Part C, Public Comments" in the subject line.

Public Hearings: DEL/ESIT will host two webinars open to the public to collect public comment on the revised Washington's IDEA, Part C, System of Payments Policy. We are required to submit the policy this year with our annual grant application.

Public Hearing Webinars:

Thursday, March 8, 2012
9: a.m. to 11 a.m.

Tuesday, March 27, 2012
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information about ESIT, the federal application or the public hearings, visit <http://www.del.wa.gov/publications/esit/Default.aspx#reports>

To request a copy of Washington's federal application and/or System of Payments Policy on paper, in Braille, large print, or through other auxiliary aids, please call Darlene Woods at (360) 725-3511, fax (360) 413-3482, or email Darlene.Woods@del.wa.gov.